

might do if he owned said railroad, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the constitutional rule which provides that bills be read on three several days be suspended, and it is hereby suspended and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Enrolling Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 37 and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

By Parr.

S. B. No. 37.

AN ACT To Be Entitled

An Act to amend Article 6775, Title 117, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1911, relating to the transcribing of county records for new counties so as to authorize a reasonable compensation for such work to be allowed by the commissioners' court in the order authorizing such work and to be paid out of the County Treasury of the newly created county, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 6775 of Chapter 1, of Title 117, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 6775. The county clerk or person making such transcript shall be entitled to a reasonable compensation for transcribing, comparing and verifying said records of not to exceed fifteen (15c) cents for each one hundred words, the amount of such compensation to be fixed by the commissioners court in the order authorizing and empowering the clerk to transcribe, compare and verify such records; said compensation to be paid out of the county treasury upon warrant issued under the orders of the commissioners court of the newly created county.

Sec. 2. The fact that some of the counties of this State have not their records transcribed at this time and the fact that some of those counties can have same transcribed at less cost than under the present law creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and it is so suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

FORTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Friday, March 2, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Senator Gibson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Dean.

Excused.

Senator Henderson, for yesterday and indefinitely, on account of sickness, on motion of Senator Bee.

Chairman Named.

In accordance with Rule 5, the Chair names Senator Gibson to per-

form the duties of the Chair during my absence and until such time as a majority of the Senators vote to elect another.

W. P. HOBBY,
Lieutenant Governor.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 455, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1977, 1978, 1979, of the Revised Statutes of 1911, permitting nine jurors to return verdict in civil cases."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senators Lattimore, Bee, Clark, McNealus and Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 456, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a home for lepers, and to provide for the isolation, care and treatment of persons suffering with leprosy, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Decherd:

S. B. No. 457, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the rendition of rolling stock of railroads in school districts and drainage districts in each county of the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Bailey:

S. B. No. 458, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Christine Independent School District in Atascosa County, Texas, and defining its boundaries; and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes and conferring upon the board plenary powers and providing authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, and to pay current expenses for the maintenance and support of said schools, providing for a board of equalization and prescribing the duty and authority of said board, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Woodward:

S. B. No. 459, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Independent School District in Mills County, Texas, including the town of Goldthwaite; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees, and assuming all contracts, debts, including bonded indebtedness of Goldthwaite Independent School District; investing said district with all the rights, privileges and duties of an independent school district created under the General Laws of the State of Texas, for free school purposes only; and vesting in said district the title to all property now owned by the Goldthwaite Independent School District heretofore created under the General Laws, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Clark:

S. B. No. 460, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that any person in this State who shall operate or run an automobile or other motor vehicle over any public road in this State at a greater rate of speed than thirty miles per hour, or over any street or alley in any city or town within this State at a greater rate of speed than fifteen miles per hour, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and providing penalties therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Simple Resolution No. 104.

By Senator Dayton:

Whereas, about the 10th day of February the Legislature of Texas passed a concurrent resolution inviting the survivors of the Secession Legislature to visit Austin; and

Whereas, there are but three of the members of said Legislature still living, viz.:

Judge J. M. Lindsay, Gainesville, Texas;

Hon. W. P. McLean, Fort Worth, Texas, and

Hon. McDowell, Lockhart, Texas; and

Whereas, on account of illness, only one of said statesmen and patriots is able to be present, and that distinguished Texan is the Hon.

J. M. Lindsay of Gainesville, Texas, one of the State's grandest men in every sense of the word, and a man who is a credit to this nation, as a scholar, financier and a statesman, and a man whom we feel proud to honor; therefore be it

Resolved, That in commemoration of our lost cause, Texas independence, as a memorial to General Sam Houston, and as a mark of honor to Judge J. M. Lindsay, that we invite the said Judge J. M. Lindsay to address the Senate, and that we extend all the courtesies of the Senate to him during his stay in Austin.

Be it further resolved, That this resolution be adopted by a rising vote.

The resolution was read and adopted by unanimous rising vote.

Morning call concluded.

Simple Resolution No. 105.

Whereas, Mr. R. M. Gilmore has been in the continuous service of the Senate of Texas since the beginning of the Twenty-eighth Legislature up to the time of his resignation was accepted, on January 29, of the present session; and,

Whereas, At all times while in the employ of this Senate, Mr. Gilmore has rendered the most faithful and efficient service and by his many excellent qualities has endeared himself to his associates; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate hereby expresses its sincere regret because of the circumstances which have made necessary the resignation of Mr. Gilmore, and that this body experiences a distinct loss in the withdrawal of Mr. Gilmore from its service; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate is duly appreciative of the very efficient work done by Mr. Gilmore in the capacity of Journal Clerk, during all the sessions of his service, and that we hereby commend him for his faithfulness and ability and beg to assure him that the good will of every member of the Senate of Texas will follow him wherever he may go and in whatever field his efforts may be directed.

GIBSON.
McNEALUS.
KING.

The resolution was read and adopted by unanimous rising vote.

Senate Bill No. 328.

By unanimous consent, Senator Harley called up from the table, and the Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading:

S. B. No. 328, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit railroad corporations, by and with permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to change, re-locate or abandon any portion of its line when without the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, and to change, re-locate or abandon any part of its line within the limits of any incorporated city, town or village, by and with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the city council or board of aldermen of such city, town or village, and providing for the exercise of the right of eminent domain to acquire right of way and depot grounds when lines are changed or re-located, and validating such changes, re-locations or abandonments, when heretofore made with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill had been read second time on February 21.

The question being upon the pending amendment offered by Senator Hopkins on February 27, which by unanimous consent was withdrawn.

Senator Harley offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted, being voted upon separately:

(2) Amend the bill by adding at the end of Section 4 the following: "Provided that this Act shall not affect any right or rights for damages that any person, firm or corporation may now have, may have had or may have in the future for damages caused by any such removal, change or abandonment.

(3) Amend Section 1 of the bill by adding thereto the following: "Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the Railroad Commission of Texas to permit any railroad company to abandon such substantial part of its line as shall amount to an impairment of its charter contract, or deprive any city or town of railroad facilities."

(4) Amend Section 1 of the bill by adding thereto the following: "Provided that the Railroad Commission of Texas shall not exercise the power herein granted unless and until such railroad company shall have obtained

the permission of the county commissioners court of the county for such change or abandonment, which permission shall be evidenced by the duly authenticated order of such commissioners court, which shall accompany the petition of such company to the Railroad Commission of Texas."

(5) Amend the bill, page 2, line 22, by adding after the word "be" the words "the unanimous."

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted, being voted on separately:

(6) Amend S. B. No. 328 by adding a new section before the emergency clause, to be known as Section 6, to read as follows:

"Section 6. Wherever the governing body of any city or incorporated town shall present to the Railroad Commission of this State its application for any change or relocation of any tracks of any railroad company in such a way as to better serve the public interests and not seriously to jeopardize or injure the business or interests of such railroad company, said Railroad Commission shall set down such application for a hearing, after giving ten days' notice to such railroad company whose tracks are sought to be changed or relocated, and after such hearing may make its order making such change or relocation, if in the unanimous opinion of the Railroad Commission such change or relocation would be to the best interest of all parties concerned."

(7) Amend S. B. No. 328, page 1, line 29, by inserting after the word "days" the following: "in the locality where such change is desired by publishing notice in the newspaper published nearest thereto, setting out substantially what such contemplated change may be."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Harley, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 328 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Caldwell.
Bee.	Clark.
Buchanan of Bell.	Dayton.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Dean.

Decherd.	King.
Floyd.	Lattimore.
Gibson.	McNealus.
Hall.	Page.
Harley.	Parr.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
Johnson of Hall.	Suiter.
Johnston of Harris.	Woodward.

Nays—3.

Hopkins.	Westbrook.
Strickland.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bailey.

Absent.

McCollum.	Robbins.
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Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Woodward.
Harley.	

Nays—3.

Hopkins.	Westbrook.
Suiter.	

Absent.

Clark.	Page.
Dayton.	Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Senate Bill No. 285.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 285, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5621, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to liens of mechanics, contractors, builders and material men."

The bill was read, and

Senator Bailey offered the following amendments, which were read:

(1) Amend Senate Bill No. 285 by striking out all before the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to wit:

A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 86, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State by amending Article 5621 so that said article shall read as it now reads in the statute, except that the word 'improvement' is further defined, so as to include all those things within its definition as now contained in the statute and in addition to include the clearing, grubbing, draining and fencing of land; and also by amending Article 5631 so that said article shall read as it now reads, but with the addition that it shall make the provisions thereof apply to improvements made upon a homestead as well as when material is furnished, labor performed, erections or repair made upon a homestead, and declaring an emergency."

(2) Amend Senate Bill No. 285 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to wit:

Section 1. That Title 86, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State be amended by amending Article 5621, Revised Statutes, so that hereafter said article shall read as follows, to wit:

Article 5621. In favor of whom. Any person or firm, lumber dealer or corporation, artisan, laborer, mechanic or subcontractor who may labor or furnish material, machinery, fixtures or tools to erect any house or improvement or to repair any building or improvement whatever, or who may labor or furnish material, machinery, fixtures or tools for the construction or repair of levees or embankments to be erected for the reclamation of overflow lands along any river or creek in this State, or furnish any material for the construction or repair of any railroad within this State under or by virtue of a contract with the owner, owners, or his or their agent, trustee, receiver, contractor or contractors, upon complying with the provisions of this chapter, shall have a lien on such house, building, fixtures, improvements, land reclaimed from overflow or railroad, and all its properties, and shall have a lien on the lot or lots of land necessarily con-

nected therewith, or reclaimed thereby, to secure payment for the labor done, lumber, material, machinery or fixtures and tools furnished for construction or repair. The word "improvement," as used herein, shall be construed so as to include clearing, grubbing, draining or fencing of land, and shall include wells, cisterns, tanks, reservoirs or artificial lakes or pools made for supplying or storing water and all pumps, siphons and wind mills or other machinery or apparatus used for raising water for stock, domestic use or for irrigation purposes.

Sec. 2. That Title 86, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State be amended by amending Article 5631 thereof, so that hereafter the same shall read as follows, to wit:

Article 5631. When material is furnished, labor performed, improvements as defined in this chapter and title made, or erections or repairs made upon homesteads, if the owner thereof is a married man, then, to fix and secure the lien upon the same, it shall be necessary for the person or persons who furnish the material or perform the labor before such material is furnished or labor is performed, to make and enter into a contract in writing, setting forth the terms thereof, which shall be signed by the owner and his wife, and privily acknowledged by her, as is required in making sale of homestead. And such contract shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk in the county where such homestead is situated, in a well-bound book to be kept for that purpose; provided, when such contract has been made and entered into by the husband and wife and the contractor or builder, and the same has been recorded, as heretofore provided, then the same shall inure to the benefit of any and all persons who shall furnish material or labor thereon for such contractor or builder.

Sec. 3. The near approach of the end of this session of the Legislature, the crowded condition of the calendar and the necessity of broadening the terms of the articles of the statute hereby amended, so as to make available loans from Federal loan banks creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity, which requires that the constitutional rule providing that bills shall be read on three several days be suspended, and

said rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Pending.

House Bill No. 609.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its third reading,

H. B. No. 609, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Woden Independent School District in Nacogdoches County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

House Bill No. 640.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

H. B. No. 640, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Wheeler Independent School District of Wheeler County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

House Bill No. 226.

Action recurred upon House Bill No. 226 as pending business, read second time on February 28, the question being upon the substitute motion of Senator Alderdice to adopt the minority (adverse) committee report.

Pending.

Recess.

At 12:20 o'clock p. m., on motion of Senator Page, the Senate recessed until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

After Recess.

(Afternoon Session.)

The Senate was called to order by Senator Gibson.

Judge Lindsay.

The Hon. J. M. Lindsay, pursuant to Simple Resolution No. 104, at this time appeared and made a very interesting short address to the Senate.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House refused to adopt Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13, copy of same herewith transmitted.

Does not concur in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 2 and requests the appointment of a Free Conference Committee. The following have been appointed on part of the House: Messrs. Tillotson, Bland, Bryan, Carlock and Fly.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Free Conference Committee on House Bill No. 2.

I move that request of House for free conference on House Bill No. 2 be granted. I nominate Senators Dean, Strickland, Lattimore, Clark and Bailey as members of Free Conference Committee on House Bill No. 2 on part of the Senate, and I move their election by the Senate.

DAYTON.

Senator Caldwell offered the following amendment:

Amend the motion by striking out the names in the motion and inserting in lieu thereof the following names: Dayton, Clark, Hopkins, Hudspeth and Dean.

The amendment was read and lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Bee.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Page.
Gibson.	Parr.
Harley.	Woodward.
Hudspeth.	

Nays—18.

Buchanan of Bell.	Buchanan of Scurry.
Alderdice.	Clark.
Bailey.	Dayton.

Dean.	King.
Decherd.	Lattimore.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hall.	Strickland.
Johnson of Hall.	Suiter.
Johnston of Harris.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

McNealus.

Absent.

Hopkins. Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Action then recurred upon the motion to grant the free conference and elect the members of the committee as made by Senator Dayton, and the same was adopted.

A Telegram.

Goliad, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Senator John H. Bailey, Austin, Texas: We, your Goliad constituents, respectfully suggest that upon this day, when we are permitted again to celebrate and enjoy the blessings secured to us through the instrumentality of the Declaration of Texas Independence and the unexampled valor of early Texas patriots, it would be most befitting indeed for our Texas legislative body to give in behalf of the people of Texas renewed allegiance to our national government and particularly to give assurance to our President, Mr. Wilson, of the unreserved loyalty of Texas in upholding his hands in this hour of national crisis to every extent desired or requested. We believe the hour calls for patriotism of that high order that glorified early Texas history and is exemplified in the heroic sacrifice of Colonel Fannin and his men who now sleep in the hills overlooking Goliad.

W. E. Fomler, J. A. White, W. W. Lott, H. Wood, G. B. Reed, M. N. Baker, T. E. Harmon, R. L. Pettus, J. W. Cole, J. C. Moore, E. A. Martin, W. F. Pettus, P. B. Harbison, Joel S. Harper, Chas. Floyd, L. D. Herbert, L. G. New, J. U. Blunts, Joe Wear-den, M. W. Fowler, Wayne Davis, John Gibson and others.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No 23.

By Senator Bailey:

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Legislature of Texas receives the message of congratulation from the citizens of Goliad sent through their Senator and hereto attached, to us with sentiments of patriotism and State pride on this the anniversary of Texas independence, and in reply reminds the people of Texas that the glories of Goliad shall ever be remembered while Texas history preserves its annals, patriotism dictates good government and freedom of thought and conscience finds a friend.

The resolution was read and unanimously adopted.

House Bill No. 226.

(Pending.)

Pending business, House Bill No. 226, was again taken up, the question being upon the motion of Senator Alderdice to adopt the minority (adverse) committee report, the same being a substitute for the motion of Senator Bee to adopt the majority (favorable) committee report.

The motion of Senator Alderdice was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—3.

Alderdice.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Bell.	

Nays—26.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	King.
Clark.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent.

Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Action then recurred upon the adoption of the majority (favorable).

committee report, and the same was adopted.

Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment:

Amend House Bill No. 226, page 4, line 14, by striking out the word "may" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "shall"; and strike out the words "in its discretion" in line 14; and strike out in lines 15 and 16 the words "two hundred dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Not more than five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred and fifty dollars" upon application being made by the county judge, county superintendent or board of trustees of said community where aid is desired.

Senator Suiter offered the following substitute for the pending amendment:

Amend House Bill No. 226, page 4, line 14, by striking out the words "may in its discretion" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "shall, when it is necessary to extend the term of said school."

Pending.

Simple Resolution No. 106.

Whereas, The City of San Antonio has invited the Senate of Texas to visit said city on a special train, leaving Austin tomorrow afternoon; and,

Whereas, It is necessary for the members of the Texas Senate to have some little time to have their clothing cleaned and pressed, and to visit the local pawn shops and secure money, if possible, to pay railroad fare and hotel bills; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate, at the close of its session this Friday afternoon, adjourn until Monday morning at 10 a. m.

Clark, Harley, Alderdice, Bailey, Smith, Floyd, Decherd, Bee, Parr, Caldwell, King, Woodward, Dayton, McCollum, Page, McNealus, Johnston of Harris, Gibson, Hudspeth, Hall.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Adjournment.

At 5:50 o'clock p. m., on motion of Senator Clark, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock next Monday morning.

APPENDIX.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 453 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 424 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 334 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 408 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 184 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No.

311 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 451 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 447 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 417 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 208 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 442 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No.

328 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 397 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Joint Resolution No. 3 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend and repeal an Act passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of Texas, being an Act 'To provide a system of State bonded warehouses and to afford a method of co-operative marketing for those engaged in the production of farm and ranch products; approved September 26, 1914; and which amendments provide for warehouse and marketing system and the organization of corporations for that purpose; providing a board to administer the Act and formulate necessary rules and regulations; for authority to such corporations to establish and operate public warehouses for the storage of farm and ranch products; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to regulate the charge for warehouses; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to prescribe uniform receipts and certificates for the conduct of public warehousemen; authorizing such warehousemen to issue nego-

liable and non-negotiable receipts; directing the Commissioner of Agriculture to collect and disburse information relating to farm and ranch products and to establish agencies for such purpose; directing the superintendent of marketing and warehouses to require reports from, and make examination of such warehouses; providing for the landlords' lien on cotton stored in such warehouses; authorizing existing warehouses to conform to the provisions of this Act; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish standards for the classification of cotton and all other farm and ranch products; providing that public weighers in Texas shall be under the supervision of the Commissioner of Agriculture; providing that all cotton gins operated in the State shall be licensed and bonded, prescribing certain duties and obligations of ginners; providing for the manner of covering cotton ginned by such licensed ginners; providing penalties generally for the performance of all duties required by this Act."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend and repeal an Act passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of Texas, being an Act 'To provide a system of State bonded warehouses and to afford a method of co-operative marketing for those engaged in the production of farm and ranch products; approved September 26, 1914,' etc."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be printed.

SUITER,
BUCHANAN of Bell.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 438, A bill to be entitled "An Act increasing Valera Common School District No. 52, of Coleman County, to conform to the following metes and bounds; providing that said district shall be governed by the general laws of the State; and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, having had under consideration

H. B. No. 738, "An Act creating the Remlig County Line Independent School District No. 3,"

Beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass; but that the following committee substitute be passed in lieu thereof and that the same be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 705, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding territory to the present Trent Independent School District of Taylor County; defining its boundaries, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educa-

tional Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 700, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Docum and Miller Common County Line School District, containing territory in Erath and Comanche Counties, Texas,, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred.

H. B. No. 750, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Kountze Corporate School District in Hardin County, defining its boundaries, providing for board of trustees, investing said district with all the rights, privileges and powers and duties of an independent school district created under the General Laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 715, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 20, of Local and Special Laws of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1909; approved March 8, 1909, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Lampasas County, Texas, etc., increasing the compensation to be allowed county commissioners, and declaring an emergency' "

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of

Scurry, Strickland, Floyd, Clark, Smith.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 672, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Callahan County, making county commissioners ex officio road commissioners, prescribing their powers and duties, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Smith, Strickland, Floyd, Clark.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 716, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the present Runnels County Special Road Law in raising the salaries of the commissioners in said county so that they may receive \$540 for their services for any one year and raising the salaries for services upon the roads of said county, and prescribing the maximum that each county commissioner may receive while acting as road commissioner of said county, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Smith, Strickland, Floyd, Clark.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on

Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 14 of the Stephens County Road Law as enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, increasing the pay of each county commissioner from two to three dollars a day; or to an amount not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five dollars per quarter when acting as road commissioners, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Smith, Strickland, Floyd, Clark.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 630, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 8, 9, 12 and 40 of Chapter 148, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act to authorize and empower Fayette County or any political subdivision of said county by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county or political subdivision thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds to any amount, not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads or turnpikes and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, and providing a method of making up tax rolls and for deposit and disbursement of said funds and regulation of traffic on said roads, and declaring an emergency',"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the

same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Smith, Strickland, Floyd, Clark.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 730, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Smith, Strickland, Floyd, Clark.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 636, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Wichita County, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Smith, Strickland, Floyd, Clark.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 706, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to create a more efficient road system for Henderson County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Smith, Strickland, Floyd, Clark.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 651, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2234, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the Dallas Criminal District Court, changing said Article so that it shall be discretionary with the judge of the Dallas Criminal District Court to impanel a grand jury for said court, instead of it being mandatory; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; Dean, McCollum, King, Suiter, Parr.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 638, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the First Judicial District, to be composed of the Counties of San Augustine, Sabine, Newton, Jasper and Orange, fixing the time for holding court therein and after July 1, 1917, and continuing the times of holding court therein as now provided by law until July 1, 1917, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; Dean, McCollum, King, Suiter, Parr.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 639, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit the paying of the members of the commissioners' court in Wheeler County, Texas, \$4.00 per day for services,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Parr, Chairman; Smith, Johnston of Harris, Clark, Woodward.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 456, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a home for lepers, and to provide for the isolation, care and treatment of persons suffering with leprosy and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

McNealus, Chairman; Clark, Bee, Strickland, Smith, Decherd.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 68 of the Thirty-second Legislature and Chapter 154 of the Thirty-third Legislature, and to provide that sand and other deposits taken for the raising of the grade of the salt flats in the northern part of Corpus Christi and the low lands lying north of the north boundary line of the city of Corpus Christi, in Nueces County, Texas, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Chapter 68, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but be not printed.

McCollum, Chairman; King, Gibson, Lattimore, Dayton.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred S. B. No. 415, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Sixty-fourth Judicial District of Texas, to validate all process, bonds and the recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district and all judgments therein rendered, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; Dean, Hall, Suiter, Parr, McCollum, King.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 450, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subdivision 2, Article 7355, Chapter 1, Title 126, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas for 1911, levying an occupation tax upon traveling vendors of patent medicines,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Bailey, Chairman; Hall, Bee, Suiter, Harley, Lattimore, Alderdice, Dean.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 675, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to permit the Enid, Ochiltree & Western Railroad Company and the owners of its properties, purchased at receiver's sale, and its and their assigns, trustees and representatives to take up and remove its railroad construction heretofore made from within the city of Dalhart, in Dallam County, Texas, to the terminus of its track, approximately thirteen miles in an easterly direction in Hartley County, Texas, and to sell and dispose of same, and abandon the same, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

McCollum, Harley, Clark, Johnson, Lattimore, Gibson, Strickland, Hall, Bailey, McNealus.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 460, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that any person in this State who shall operate or run an automobile or other motor vehicle over any public road in this State at a greater rate of speed than thirty miles per hour, or over any street or alley in any city or town within this State at a greater rate of speed than fifteen miles per hour, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and providing penalties therefor, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Floyd, Smith.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 2, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 449, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish at Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College, to be known as the Grubbs

Vocational College, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed, but printed in the Journal.

BEE, Chairman.

By Lattimore.

S. B. No. 449.

A BILL
To Be Entitled

An Act to establish at Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College to be known as the Grubbs Vocational College, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there is hereby established a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College, to be known as the Grubbs Vocational College, to be located at or near the town of Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, provided the citizens of said town and county shall first donate to the State for the use and benefit of said college at least one hundred acres of good tillable land with perfect title, together with the college property, known as the Carlisle Military School property, with all buildings, dormitories, barracks, etc., belonging thereto.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted that said Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College shall be under the direction of the board of directors of the present Agricultural and Mechanical College in connection with a local board of managers composed of five members to be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall serve for two years from the date of their appointment.

Sec. 3. In all cases of vacancy in said local board of managers the appointment shall also be made from time to time as provided in the Sections of this Act, provided that if the Legislature shall not be in session, the Governor may fill such vacancy by appointment until the next session of the Legislature, when if the Senate shall not confirm the appointment some other person shall be named.

Sec. 4. That the board of local managers hereinbefore provided for shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, with which this Junior College shall be closely affiliated, perform all the duties required in the efficient and successful management of said institution in like manner as other governing boards of the same character.

Sec. 5. That the board of managers shall meet as soon after their appointment, as convenient at Arlington, Texas, and organize by the election of a presiding officer, a secretary and a treasurer, whose duties shall be the same as the officials of other similar boards in this State, except that their action in all matters and especially in the formulation of courses of study shall be subject to approval, modification or rejection by the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Sec. 6. That the board of managers shall have and possess all powers necessary subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas as to accomplish and carry out the provisions of this Act the establishment of a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College for the education of white boys and girls in this State in the arts and sciences in which such boys and girls may acquire a good literary education of academic grade, at least, together with a knowledge of agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, stock raising, the mechanical and domestic arts and sciences, including the several branches and studies usually taught in the established institutions of like character with such limitations as may be imposed by the governing board of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, having in view the training of the youth for the more important industrial activities of life, while acquiring facilities for the acquirement of a good practical literary education not below the academic grade.

Sec. 7. That the board of managers in connection with the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, shall appoint a president and professors of the Grubbs Vocational College and such officers as they may think proper and necessary to put the same into successful operation, and to

make such rules and regulations for the government of said officers and the proper management of said institution as they may deem advisable. They shall regulate rates of tuition with the course of discipline necessary to enforce the faithful discharge of the duties of all officers, professors and students. They shall in connection with the faculty divide the courses of instruction into departments so as to secure a thorough education of the academic grade and the best possible industrial training, selecting careful and efficient professors in each department, giving preference to Texas teachers, if available, and shall adopt all such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem necessary to carry out all the purposes and objects of said institution.

Sec. 8. The board of managers shall receive such compensation as may be determined upon by the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

Sec. 9. The terms upon which pupils may be admitted, including the entrance requirements, shall be determined by the board of managers and the Board of Directors of the said Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and in that respect they are empowered to fix or remit tuition fees and charges as they may deem best for said institution and the people for whose benefit it is established.

Sec. 10. The board of managers and the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College shall determine and fix the salary of each officer, professor and employe, provided that the salaries of professors in any department shall not exceed that which is now fixed for the professors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College or the College of Industrial Arts, with which this institution is closely affiliated.

Sec. 11. That there shall be appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the year 1917, the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars, and for the year 1918 the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 12. The fact that there is now a pressing and rapidly increasing demand for the industrial training of the youth of Texas, for which

no adequate provision has been made, and the further fact that no suitable token of appreciation by the people of Texas of the years of service and sacrifice given to the State by Hon. V. W. Grubbs, who has given fully twenty years of his life and a comfortable fortune to the cause of educational reform in Texas, whose benefits to the youth of Texas are inestimable from a pecuniary as well as an educational point of view, and the further fact that he is now nearing his three-score years and must soon go to his eternal reward, creates an emergency, and it is therefore ordered that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this Act take effect immediately after its passage.

FORTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, March 5, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

The President and President Pro Tem. both being absent, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary, Jno. D. McCall.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Hopkins.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Bailey.	Robbins.
Harley.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Prayer by the Chaplain.